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In re Appln. of: Avtar S. Dhindsa

Appln. No.: 10/731,327

Filed: December 8, 2003

For: Endoscope Valve Assembly and Method

Attorney Docket No: 10672/28

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: 3739

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- ☒ Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages); Form PTO-1449 (1 page).
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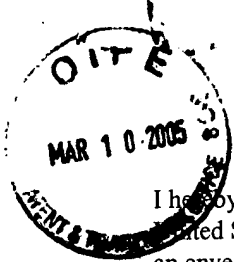
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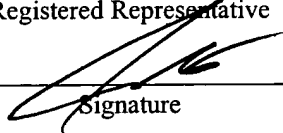
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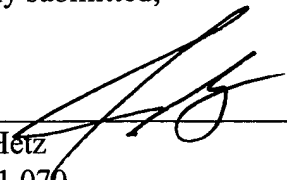
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits documents A1-A3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest that any of the information submitted herewith is prior art against the present application.

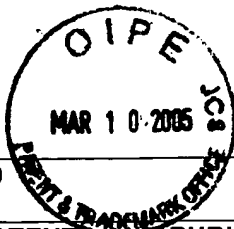
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	D474,832 S	05/20/03	RIPKEY		
	A2	D365, 631	12/26/95	LUSBY ET AL.		
	A3	5,522,796	06/04/96	DORSEY, III		
	A4					
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OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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